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SUBJECT: ANTITRUST: CARACTERES S.A.

1. THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING NOTIFICATION
OF AN ANTITRUST INVESTIGATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE: QTE

-- THE ANTITRUST DIVISION IS PRESENTLY CONDUCTING AN
INQUIRY INTO THE MARKETING IN THE UNITED STATES OF SINGLE
ELEMENT TYPEWRITER BALLS MANUFACTURED BY CARACTERES S.A.
OF WOBURN, MASSACHUSETTS, AND NEUCHATEL, SWITZERLAND.
THESE TYPEWRITER BALLS ARE SOLD AS REPLACEMENTS FOR THE
TYPING ELEMENTS ON IBM SELECTRIC TYPEWRITERS AND SIMILAR
TYPEWRITERS.

-- THE DIVISION PLANS TO SEEK INFORMATION RELATING TO
THE UNITED STATES COMMERCE OF CARACTERES. WE ARE EXPLOR-
ING THE POSSIBILITY OF VIOLATION OF SECTION 1 OF THE
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SHERMAN ACT (15 U.S.C. S 1) BY AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN

CARACTERES AND A DISTRIBUTOR OF ITS TYPEWRITER BALLS.

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2. PURSUANT TO OECD PROCEDURES, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO
NOTIFY APPROPRIATE SWISS AUTHORITIES OF THIS INVESTIGATION

AND REPORT ANY SIGNIFICANT REACTIONS. KISSINGER

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